```php
<?php
##
## Initializes a database connection
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$conn = mysql_connect(DB_HOST, DB_USER, DB_PASS);
mysql_select_db(DB_NAME, $conn);

if(!$conn) {
    die("connection failed" . mysqli_connect_error());
}

function showError($message) {
    echo 'Database Error <BR>'.$message;
    die();
}
// $conn = new mysqli(DB_HOST,DB_USER,DB_PASS); Object Connection
?>
```